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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which includes information cited in a Supplementary European Search Report from EP 03733346.5, which is based upon PCT/JP03/07336. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicants note that a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is provided herewith.

WO 00/34526;

WO 00/34319;

EP 1 512 745 A1;

Hideaki MIZUNO et al., "Red Fluorescent Protein from Discocoma as a Fusion Tag and a Partner for Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer" , Biochemistry, American Chemical society, Vol. 40, No. 8, pp. 2502-2510, 2001; and

Y. A. LABAS et al., "Diversity and evolution of the green fluorescent protein family", Proceedings of the National Academy of Science of USA, Vol. 99, No. 7 pp. 4256-4261, 2002.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following documents, which were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report from EP 03733347.3, which is based upon PCT/JP03/07337, upon which copending U.S. Application No. 10/516,314 is based, which Applicants brought to the attention of the Examiner in the IDS filed March 17, 2005.

WO 01/27150; and

EP 1 512 744 A1

Copies of the above-listed documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is

crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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